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out effort to promote a strike at that time. The interim period is to be used to intensify cell activities and to counteract a sentiment that a general strike would be concomitant with an attempt by the Party to install a peoples democracy in Austria.

4. Discussions among Party officials at this meeting showed that the majority were secretly relieved that a strike was not called. Some point out that the Party on its own would have called a strike but for lack of Soviet support. Officials believe that the Party lost prestige through its failure to act successfully on behalf of the workers, and fear the Party will suffer through lowered membership morale and a loss of new recruits.

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